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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97 AND § 1.98

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find an English translation of a Taiwanese Office Action in connection with a corresponding Taiwanese patent application. Also enclosed are copies of the documents cited in the enclosed Taiwanese Office Action. Further enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, listing the enclosed documents.

The enclosed documents are being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97(b) are satisfied.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97 and § 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with

each of the documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 501.37226VX1) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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